



MEMORANDUM

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TO: Norman J. Wayte II, Chairman, Planning Board

FROM: Kenneth A. Mix, Planning and Community Development Coordinator

SUBJECT: Special Use Permit Approval – 301 Pearl Street

DATE: December 30, 2009

Request: Special Use Permit Approval to allow a Sweat Furnace Operation located at 301 Pearl Street, Parcel Number 04-01-101.000

Applicant: Cowlco Alloys & Metal, Inc.

Proposed Use: Heavy Industry – Sweat Furnace Operation

Property Owner: Railstar Corporation

Submitted:

8 ½" x 11" Copy of Parcel Map: Yes

A Sketch of the Site to Scale: No

Completed Part I of an
Environmental Assessment Form: Yes

SEQRA: Unlisted Action

County Planning Board Review Required: Yes

Comments: The applicant is proposing to use an existing building (formerly Black Clawson) located at 301 Pearl Street, parcel number 04-01-101.000 for a sweat furnace operation. This operation will recover aluminum and/or steel from scrap automotive parts with the use of a sweat furnace. The proposed use is a combination of a junkyard and a smelting operation, both of which require a special use permit.

The applicant states that the furnace will exceed all EPA standards that are required for this process. The applicant has also verbally stated that all of the scrap metal will be stored inside the building.

The applicant must obtain a letter from the property owner that allows the applicant to apply for the special use permit before the City Council can act on this application. Special Use permits require City Council approval after recommendation from the Planning Board and a Public Hearing. The procedure is outlined in Section 310-67 of the Zoning Ordinance. The standards are in Section 310-52.3.

Summary:

- 1.) The applicant must obtain a letter from the property owner allowing the applicant to apply for a special use permit.

cc: Planning Board Members
City Council Members
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